1 **CLAIMS**

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3 1. A system comprising:

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5   a plurality of mobile units for use by mobile users;

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7   an application server;

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9   communications means for enabling said mobile units

10   to communicate with the application server;

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12   a subscriber database comprising information about

13   the software and/or hardware capabilities of

14   individual mobile units;

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16   a script database comprising equivalent script

17   segments for carrying out particular functions on

18   mobile units with different software and/or hardware

19   capabilities; wherein

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21   the application server is adapted to provide an

22   application script to a mobile unit, said

23   application script being prepared from script

24   segments selected from the script database according

25   to the information about the mobile unit stored in

26   the subscriber database.

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28 2. The system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the system

29   further comprises a master database, said master

30   database having mobile user specific data, and said

31   application script further comprises mobile user

32   specific data specific to the mobile user, acquired

33   from the master database.

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1   3.   The system as claimed in Claim 2 wherein a mobile

2   unit stores a copy of said mobile user specific data.

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4   4.   The system as claimed in Claim 3 wherein a mobile

5   unit edits the copy of said mobile user specific

6   data.

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8   5.   The system as claimed in Claim 3 or Claim 4, wherein

9   the copy of said mobile user specific data is

10   synchronised with the mobile user specific data

11   stored in the master database.

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13   6.   The system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the

14   application script is synchronised concomitantly with

15   synchronisation of the mobile user specific data.

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17   7.   The system as claimed in any of Claims 2 to 6 wherein

18   the mobile user specific data relates to tasks

19   carried out by said mobile user.

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21   8.   The system as claimed in any of Claims 2 to 7 wherein

22   the mobile user specific data relates to tasks which

23   have been or are being carried out by said mobile

24   user.

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26   9.   The system as claimed in any preceding Claim wherein

27   the system further comprises master application

28   program code means which are interpreted by the

29   application server to prepare the application script.

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31 10. The system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the master

32   application program code means is stored in markup

33   language.

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1   11. The system as claimed in any preceding Claim wherein
2   said mobile units communicate with the application
3   server over the internet.
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5   12. The system as claimed in any preceding Claim wherein
6   said mobile units comprise a browser, said browser
7   executing the application script.
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9   13. A method comprising the steps of:
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11   acquiring information about the software and/or
12   hardware capabilities of a mobile unit from a
13   subscriber database, the mobile unit being for use by
14   a mobile user; and
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16   preparing an application script customised for the
17   mobile unit from script segments being selected from
18   a script segment database according to the software
19   and/or hardware capabilities of the mobile unit.
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21 14. The method as claimed in Claim 13 wherein said
22   application script further comprises data specific to
23   a mobile user acquired from a master database of
24   mobile user specific data.
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26 15. The method as claimed in Claim 13 or Claim 14 wherein
27   a mobile unit stores a copy of said data specific to
28   a mobile user.
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30 16. The method as claimed in Claim 15 wherein the copy of
31   the data specific to a mobile user is edited by the
32   mobile user.
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1   17. The method as claimed in any of Claims 14 to 16

2   wherein the method further comprises the step of:

3   synchronising the copy of the data specific to a

4   mobile user with the data specific to a mobile user

5   stored in the master database.

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7   18. The method as claimed in any of Claims 14 to 17

8   wherein said data specific to a mobile user comprises

9   information concerning tasks to be performed by or

10   which have been performed by said mobile user.

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12   19. The method as claimed in any of Claims 13 to 18

13   wherein said application script is prepared with

14   reference to a master application.

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16   20. The method as claimed in any of Claims 13 to 19

17   wherein said master application is stored in the form

18   of a markup language.

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20   21. The method as claimed in any of Claims 13 to 18

21   wherein a mobile unit comprises a browser and the

22   application script is executed by said browser.

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24   22. A computer program comprising program instructions

25   which, when loaded into a computer, comprise the

26   application server of the system of any of Claims 1

27   to Claim 12.

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29   23. A computer program comprising program instructions

30   for causing a computer to perform the method as

31   claimed in any of Claims 13 to 21.

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33   24. A computer program comprising the application script

34   of any of Claims 1 to 21.

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